NECROLOGY SERVICE

The executive secretary has asked that he be sent the names of any of our members who have passed away since January 1965. He has tentatively planned for a special Necrology Service for the Annual Meeting.

Please, if you know any members who have passed on, send their names in to the executive Secretary. It will be a great help to him for the special service.

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Weatherman to friend: "Good morning, possibly."



DEAR MR. MONROE,

Thank you for your letter. I enclose copy of letter which I wrote to the Gardener's Chronicle on the subject of grafting in relation to crossability with reference to the possibility of crossing Hibiscus rosa-sinensis and H. Syriacus. Since writing the letter I have tried to bud syriacus on to a rosa-sinensis stock, but again with no success. I am more than ever convinced that this cross is not possible. On the other hand, if pollen of syriacus is applied to rosa-sinensis and seedlings result which exhibit sterility, it is possible that these are rosa-sinensis haploids in which an ovule has been stimulated to develope without fertilization.

Yours sincerely

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COPY OF LETTER WRITTEN BY PROFESSOR S. C. HARLAND TO GARDENER'S CHRONICLE Vol. 157 No. 18, May 1, 1965

Grafts and Hybrids

For various reasons the plant breeder often wants to make hybrids between different species in the same genus or even between members of different genera. Much useless labour can be saved by first trying to graft the two species which it is proposed to cross. If successful grafting is possible there is a chance of successful crossing. If grafting is not possible it is almost certainly useless to attempt crossing. An illustration of this principle may be given. Many attempts have been made to cross Hibiscus syriacus with Hibiscus rosa-sinensis with the object of extending the range of colours in the latter species, and also to extend the climatic range since H. syriacus will even mature seeds in England. A successful cross

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